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1. In a conference of all Hauptabteilungsleiter and Abteilungsleiter of the BfW on 3 July 1952, Berndt Weinberger, head of the BfW, said that because of the important task of forming a National Army confronting the DDR, a reorganization of the BfW had become necessary. He then announced the following new instructions:
 - a. In contradiction of previous orders, in the future, representatives of the BfW's customers (Bedarfsstraeger) (i.e. HVA, HVS, HVL, and HVdVP) would be allowed to visit the BfW in uniform. All regulations forbidding this practice were now cancelled.
 - b. New names would be given to the customers in future, as follows:
 - (1). HVA (Bruno) Kasernierte Volkspolizei.
 - (2). HVL Zweigstelle Johannistal (Dora) Volkspolizei Luft.
 - (3). HVS (Helmuth) Volkspolizei See.
 - (4). HVdVP (Friedrich) unchanged.
 - c. In order to improve security in the BfW, a representative of the HVA, Tillich (fmu), would become a uniformed deputy to the chief of the BfW.
2. Weinberger also announced that the BfW was to be taken over by the Ministry of the Interior and its personnel at least doubled in strength. An "Abteilung Organisation Operativ" would be formed under Heinz Raeschler which would be responsible for the reorganization of the BfW, and all organizational questions connected with it. All Abteilungen would be divided into two parts, the first part being responsible for research and development only, and the second for supplies (Beschaffung). The control of the research and development sections would be taken over by Miller (fmu), Leiter of the HA.III (Air). The supply sections would be controlled by the Hauptplanungsabteilung under Bernhard Koppatsch.

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3. Weinberger further announced that the Oberbauleitung Berlin would be divided according to whether undertakings were major ones or minor ones.
4. Exact details of the reorganization would be supplied to the various departments in the near future.

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